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that the body knows what the reso--the bi--the motion is that we are voting on right now. This is the one that would rescind the previous action that was taken by this Legislature and this would possibly at least, if everybody, depends on how the votes go. This could break the budget wide open and exceed what the Governor has recommended and what we decided we were going to stick with and that's what I wanted to know--wanted to be sure of is that the body was not caught napping and that they did know what this motion was. That's all I had in mind.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Actually, Mr. President, if I may just continue and then I will sit down--

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: What Senator Goodrich is saying is the fact that we are unable to make decisions on what bills we consider meritorious and what bills we can pass within the limit dollars that we have. All of you have before you a sheet which shows the amount of each of the bills, shows the amount of available revenue and so he's saying that this is the way to solve the problem is simply vote on none and then you won't be tempted. I am prepared to vote on them one at a time, on their merits, on their needs and upon the justification for doing it now and I think we should.

PRESIDENT: Chair next recognizes Senator Waldron, then Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, Members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator Carpenter's motion. There's many of the bills that are bracketed on final reading that do need to be passed this session. I can see nothing wrong with taking them in order and if you want to, at that time, if you don't want to vote for it, don't vote for it or if you want to say let's bracket one bill over the others, let's take a vote on each one on which one we want to leave bracketed for the next year. Now LB 110 which is Senator Carstens' bill has to be passed this year. It involves \$13,000, the big sum of \$13,000, has to be passed to implement a constitutional amendment. If it's not passed, it's a possibility that judges that are appointed under the present law, the people that they sentence could challenge that in court and be released. Also, LB 162 up there is a bill of mine. It was scheduled to be passed long before the motion to--that came along to hold all A bills. I worked out a compromise with Senator Whitney and others. We reduced the money amount and then I held the bill for--out of courtesy to Senator Luedtke so we could put the juvenile court reporters in there, otherwise it would have passed long before this and so I think, we just go one at a time and take these bills and if someone wants to say, well this one costs too much or they don't think it's needed this year then we can make the decision whether we should bracket them at that time. Let's, let's read some of these. Some of these, we could pass over half of them, it probably wouldn't cost over 50, \$60,000, just to read half of them and so I think it's time that we, we exercise our responsibility in this area and go ahead and read these bills and if they fail on final reading as some of them surely will, I think at least we, we ought to find out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer, then Senator Schmit, then DeCamp.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President and Members of the body. I'd like to point out the fact that I pointed out when I gave my resolution of two days ago, namely that as matters now stand with the recommendations made by the Budget Committee on deficit appropriations, capital construction, LB 259, that we are somewhere in the neighborhood of 2 to \$4,000,000 at least, below the amount of money recommended by the Governor in his total appropriations package and I, to second what Senator Waldron says, I think we can consider some of these bills if we

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